Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A palatable pharmaceutical composition for oral administration to companion animals comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a pharmaceutically active agent in combination with a palatability improving agent and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the palatability improving agent is selected from the group consisting of ~~artificial egg,~~ artificial ~~beef, artificial poultry, artificial fish, dairy based palatability improving agent and natural herbs and spices, or mixtures thereof,~~ is present in amounts sufficient to make the pharmaceutical composition palatable to the companion animal, and is homogeneously mixed with the pharmaceutically active agent, and wherein the pharmaceutically active agent is carprofen.

2. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the palatability improving agent provides for voluntary acceptance of the palatability improving agent by the companion animal which is greater than or equal to about 30% voluntary acceptance.

3. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the palatability improving agent provides for voluntary acceptance of the palatability improving agent by the companion animal which is greater than or equal to about 50% voluntary acceptance.

4. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the palatability improving agent provides for voluntary acceptance of the palatability improving agent by the companion animal which is greater than or equal to about 80% voluntary acceptance.

5. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the palatability improving agent provides for voluntary acceptance of the palatability improving agent by the companion animal which is greater than or equal to about 90% voluntary acceptance.

6. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the palatability improving agent provides for voluntary acceptance of the palatability improving agent by the companion animal of about 90% or greater.

7-8. (delete)

9. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 wherein the pharmaceutically active agent has an unacceptable taste and the palatability improving agent is present in amounts sufficient to mask or improve the unacceptable taste of the pharmaceutically active agent.

10. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 wherein the palatability improving agent is present in an amount ranging from about 0.025% to about 99% by weight of the pharmaceutical composition.

11-12. (delete)

13. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim [[1]]19 wherein the palatability improving agent is yeast and is present in an amount ranging from about 2% to about 25% by weight of the pharmaceutical composition.

14. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim [[1]]19 wherein the palatability improving agent is yeast present in an amount ranging from about 5% to about 20% by weight of the pharmaceutical composition.

15-18. (delete)

19. (currently amended) A palatable pharmaceutical composition for administration to companion animals consisting essentially of a pharmaceutical effective amount of a pharmaceutically active agent admixed with one or more excipients and a palatability improving agent, said palatability improving agent being a yeast or yeast hydrolysate, or a combination thereof, said yeast or yeast hydrolysate, or a combination thereof, being present in an amount ranging from abut 2% by weight to about 25% by weight of the pharmaceutical composition, and wherein the pharmaceutically active agent is carprofen.

20. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 19 wherein the yeast hydrolysate is present in an amount ranging from about 5% to about 20% by weight of the pharmaceutical composition.

21. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 19 wherein the pharmaceutical has an unacceptable taste and the palatability improving agent is present in amounts sufficient to mask the unacceptable taste of the pharmaceutically active agent.

22. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or claim 19 in the form of a tablet, cachet, pill, capsule, troche or chewable tablet.

23. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or claim 19 in the form of a tablet.

24. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or claim 19 wherein the companion animal is a mammal.

25. (original) The composition according to claim 1 or claim 19 wherein the mammal is a dog, cat, or horse.

26. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or claim 19 wherein the mammal is a dog or cat.

27. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or claim 19 wherein the palatability improving agent stabilizes the pharmaceutical composition.

28-29. (delete)

30. (currently amended) A method of making a pharmaceutical composition for oral administration to a companion animal palatable thereto which comprises admixing a pharmaceutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical with a palatability improving agent and a pharmaceutical carrier and orally administering said product to a companion animal, such palatability improving agent being a yeast or a yeast hydrolysate, said yeast or yeast hydrolysate being present in an amount ranging from about 2% to weight to about 25% by weight of the pharmaceutical composition, wherein the pharmaceutical is carprofen.

31. (original) The method of claim 30 wherein the palatability improving agent is present in an amount ranging from about 5% to about 20% by weight of the pharmaceutical composition.

32. (original) The method of claim 30 wherein the companion animal is a cat.

33. (original) The method of claim 30 wherein the companion animal is a dog.

34. (original) A method of administering a pharmaceutical composition to a companion animal which comprises administering thereto the pharmaceutical composition according to claims 1 or 19.

35. (original) A method for enhancing compliance with a therapeutic program for companion animals comprising administering to the animal a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or claim 19.

36. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or claim 19 in the form of a tablet, wherein water is present in an amount less than about 7.5% free or absorbed water content as measured by loss on drying.

37. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or claim 19 in the form of a tablet, wherein water is present in an amount less than about 5% free or absorbed water content as measured by loss on drying.

38. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or 19 in the form of a tablet, wherein the hardness of the tablet is in the range of from about 2.5 kp to 25 kp.

39-41. (delete)

42. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 wherein the palatability improving agent is artificial beef.

43-46. (delete)